



## **GOV. MALLOY: ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Reminds Residents to be Prepared*

(HARTFORD, CT) – With the 2014 Atlantic Hurricane Season beginning June 1, Governor Dannel P. Malloy today is reminding Connecticut residents to be prepared. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, with the principal threat period for Connecticut occurring between mid-August and mid-October.

“Every home should have a basic emergency plan that can be used for any emergency,” said Governor Malloy. “I urge residents to know what potential risks your community and neighborhood may face, such as storm surge, flooding, road or bridge closures.”

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Commissioner Dora B. Schriro said, “I recommend that all Connecticut residents take three simple preparedness steps now: Get a kit, make a plan, and stay informed. Carefully monitor weather reports and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials if a storm approaches.”

Governor Malloy offers the following preparedness tips:

### **Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit**

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- A whistle to signal for help
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- A manual can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

### **Family Emergency Plan**

- Identify an out-of town contact. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins, or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get a hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you've listed them as emergency contacts
- Teach family members how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through
- Subscribe to alert services. Go to [www.ct.gov/ctalert](http://www.ct.gov/ctalert) to register for emergency alerts.

For more information on hurricane preparedness, visit [www.ct.gov/hurricane](http://www.ct.gov/hurricane) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

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